

THE COURTS.

THE "DARKIES" GOING.

ANOTHER SHIP LOAD FOR LIBERIA—WORK OF THE COLONIZATION SOCIETIES—"A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY."

[From the Philadelphia Times, June 1.]

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., May 27, 1878.

The "underground railroad" is again in operation in the South, and a colony of negroes is secretly organizing for emigration in this (Paquotank) and the adjacent counties of Currituck, Camden and Perquimans. The Liberia, a bark of about five hundred tons, has arrived at New York from Africa, and Thursday, June 20, has been fixed for her departure to Monrovia. The intending North Carolina emigrants will go on her. Their preparations are being made very quietly for fear of interference with the movement.

The voyage of the Liberia is at the expense of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society. The sum of \$5,000 has been voted for it. The expedition, however, is under the direction of the American Colonization Society, to which the Pennsylvania Society is auxiliary, and to whose corresponding secretary, Mr. William Coppinger, of Washington, D. C., the selection of the emigrants and the management of the affair in all its preliminary details has been committed. Mr. Coppinger visited Currituck county last month, and was in this part of North Carolina some days, returning to Washington about the 24th of April. He had the whole country—North as well as South—"before him where to choose," the entire matter of designating the beneficiaries of the \$5,000 appropriation of the Philadelphia philanthropists being absolutely in his hands. His decision is highly complimentary to the colored population of this region, who really compare favorably with their fellows anywhere. Those who are to go are poor, moral, industrious people. Their white neighbors will miss them, for in this immediate section the colored laborers were greatly thinned out during the war and they have been getting scarcer ever since.

The cost allowed for each person going on the ship Liberia is \$100 for an adult and \$50 for a child. It would involve too much expense for the vessel to come down from New York after the colonists, and they will be sent by way of the Dismal Swamp and the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canals to Norfolk, where they will take one of the steamships of the Old Dominion line to New York, at special rates agreed upon with the company. An agent of the colonization society will be sent along with the emigrants to keep them together and secure them from interference and molestation. About forty days is required for the Liberia's passage from New York to Monrovia. The price of a week's passage is \$100, and two of the best steamers of the year, the "A. T. Marshall," and he therefore asks that some other referee may be appointed. The application of Mr. Caldwell is denied, and will come up for a hearing on next Tuesday. Meantime all proceedings in the matter are stayed.

THE LIPPINCOTT WILL.

The attesting witnesses in the Lippincott will case were examined yesterday before Surrogate Calvin. General E. M. Lee appeared for contestants, and Messrs. Choate and Tweed, of Evarts, Southmayd & Choate, for the proponents. The will of Mrs. H. A. Lippincott was offered for probate more than a year ago, and the hearing has been adjourned from time to time until the present. Meantime the evidence of three witnesses had been taken before a committee of the Bar. Now, it appears, the testatrix had lost all sense of mind of the testatrix when the will and codicil were executed, and so to undue influence having been exerted upon her in the premises. The original will was executed twenty years ago, and two of the testifying witnesses are dead. The testator's recollection was very uncertain, and he could not state that the testatrix had declared the writing to be his last will and testament. The codicil, dated in 1874, was signed by three witnesses, but they were unable to prove that the testatrix was of sound mind and memory. The hearing will be resumed before the Surrogate on June 8.

A PUGNACIOUS POLICEMAN.

John Keating, of No. 1,857 Third avenue, through his counsel, Mr. Henry C. Danison, has instituted an action in the Marine Court against Officer Edward Regan, of the Mounted Squad, to recover \$2,000 damages for an assault and battery, alleged to have been committed by the officer on the 25th of May last. Mr. Keating states that he was employed by the owner of No. 1,647 Second avenue to kalsomine the house, and while in the performance of his avocation Regan, who was mounted on a horse, struck him with his whip ordered him to take his traps off his premises; that while obeying this preposterous order Regan beat him several severe blows and dragged him into his bedroom and beat him again, and left him a prisoner for nearly three quarters of an hour. Keating's counsel yesterday obtained from Judge McAdam, of the Marine Court, an order of arrest against Regan which was placed in the hands of the Sheriff for execution. The Sheriff, John W. Powers, of the New York City Police Court, has committed Regan to the General Sessions for trial on a criminal charge preferred against him by plaintiff, and a complaint has also been lodged at headquarters.

SUMMARY OF LAW CASES.

In the suit for divorce brought by Joseph Kemmerle against his wife, Mary Kemmerle, Judge Donohue yesterday confirmed the report of the referee in favor of the wife as to alimony and counsel fees.

Upon application of Alfred Steckler, Judge Donohue yesterday reduced the bill in the case of the boy William A. Byrne, charged with shooting, from \$3,000 to \$1,000.

William Matthews has brought a suit for divorce against his wife, Ella Matthews, on the charge of adultery. They were married February 12, 1874. The wife puts in no answer, and the case was yesterday referred by Judge Donohue to Hugh Donnelly.

Mr. William Sinclair, clerk of the Supreme Court, Chambers, evidently makes it a point to effect a reconciliation between parties involved in divorce cases by his personal intervention. Some few days ago he brought about yesterday in the case of Hyman Jaritzky, who had a suit for divorce pending against his wife, Rachel. This is the fourth reconciliation recently effected through his intervention.

In the suit between George K. H. Mays, a tinsmith, and Bridget McGowan, a tinsmith, yesterday Mrs. McGowan, an expressman, was commanded, by virtue of a writ of habeas corpus, to produce her infant child, Ellen Josephine McGowan, to the court to answer the wife to whom she was attached at the child's birth. The grand jury found that she was incompetent to take proper care of it. Judge Donohue, after hearing the case, appointed Mr. Alfred Steckler to defend the wife's interests, and, in order to enable the wife to do so, gave her a writ of habeas corpus, and the defendant, Judge McAdam, after examining the hearing, certified the defense, adjourned the hearing until further notice.

On the 17th of May Abraham J. Benaim, a cigar dealer, of this city, caused the arrest of Edward H. Ricciuso, alleging that Ricciuso had obtained \$300 by fraud. The trial was suspended, and the court remanded to Judge Bushrod W. Livingston. Their manies have no doubt failed upon equally respectable and honest men, and it is due to the credit of an organization of young men, who have done their duty in the best interest of the public, that the trial was suspended.

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LITTLE WORK AND LIGHT TAXES.

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It is to be hoped that all these statements, thus made to these creatures, that worship people, are true; or it would be a pity to deceive them with false expectation.

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